

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first through third full paragraphs on page 3 as follows:

- | FIG. 1 is an exploded cross-sectional view of a conventional absorbent article comprising a core incorporating a tissue having multiple folds.
- | FIG. 2A is an exploded cross-sectional view of an exemplary embodiment of an absorbent article, according to aspects of this invention, comprising a core incorporating a superabsorbent polymer.
- | FIG. 2B is an exploded cross-sectional view of another exemplary embodiment of an absorbent article comprising a core layer incorporating SAP, with the core layer being a folded sheet.

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 3 as follows:

- | FIG. 4 is an exploded cross-sectional view of yet another exemplary embodiment of the present invention.